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We see that from 1881 to 1894 the number of deaths produced by malignant fevers fell from 650 to 140, while the population increased from 300,000 to 463,700 inhabitants.

It should be further stated that for the last few years these cases of fever did not, properly speaking, occur within the city limits, but that the fever-stricken patients were brought in from the Roman Campagna.

This improvement of the sanitary condition is due more especially to the opening of broad thoroughfares, to the construction of new quarters of the city, and to general cleanliness. The falling off of infectious diseases has been very noticeable for the last ten years; the mortality of Rome is now no greater than in other capitals, and the "Roman fever" need no longer alarm travelers.

JAPAN.

One case of cholera in Japan.

YOKOHAMA, April 25, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report the occurrence of 1 case of cholera in the ken of Shimane on April 19. With reference to such single cases, I would say that they are reported by the home department only after verification by bacteriological examination whenever circumstances permit of it.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.,

FRANCE.

No cholera in Marseilles.

In response to a cablegram from this office requesting information concerning press reports of cholera in Marseilles, the following reply has been received:

MARSEILLES, May 19, 1896.

No cholera.—CLAUDE M. THOMAS, *United States Consul.*

TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 151.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 29, 1896.

SIR: The prevailing diseases in Constantinople are influenza and diphtheria, and many cases of both diseases occur, but I am glad to state that they seldom prove fatal.

News from the provinces of Asia Minor states that different epidemics exist there, as smallpox, typhus (spotted fever), typhoid fever, and dysentery.

Cholera is still making a few victims in Alexandria, Egypt. Two or three cholera deaths are daily registered. A cholera case has been observed at Esbet-el-Khurshid, 12 miles distant from Alexandria.

Pilgrims are already arriving in the Hedjaz. Up to the date of the last news received from Jeddah, 37,600 pilgrims have already landed there.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO.